find it difficult to maintain their cattle; the rain-fall here is very scanty and means of irrigation deficient. Certain tracts have been reserved as Fuel Preserves and watchers employed for them. In some places the Fuel Preserves are close to the villages and the village cattle are not allowed to graze in them. Want of rain and fodder is much felt here. Therefore it is prayed that Fuel Preserves may be abolished.

*Dewan's reply.*—What was abolished was the practice of levying seigniorage on fuel brought into towns for sale without being covered by free or paid licenses authorizing the fuel to be cut in Government jungles. It is not possible to allow firewood to be cut indiscriminately on all Government land. The present orders are that Fuel Preserves should be demarcated after making due provision for the requirements of villagers for free cutting, grazing, &c., and fees are prescribed for cutting or grazing only within these preserves. The Deputy Commissioner will see that there is no excessive reservation, if representations are made to him in individual cases of inconvenience or hardship.

**Subject No. 99.**

**Patel and Shanbhog Hakdars to officiate by turns.**

*Summary of discussion.*—The offices of Patel and Shanbhog are hereditary. When there are several hakdars for such offices, one of them is appointed officiator to do duty and the others left unprovided for. Then on the officiator's death, the hak passes to his descendants. Thus the other hakdars get no chance of enjoying the office at all. Therefore arrangements should be made by which the hakdars may officiate by turns.

*Dewan's reply.*—Rules to this effect are under consideration and will be soon introduced. (See Subject No. 113 below).

**Subject No. 100.**

**Urgent need for a Musafarkhana and Chattram at Holalkere.**

*Summary of discussion.*—Railway trains arrive at the Holalkere Station at midnight. Passengers have no place to halt there and are thus put to much inconvenience. Therefore, a Musafarkhana and a Chattram should be constructed near the Railway Station and a well sunk there.

*Dewan's reply.*—These will be soon provided.

**Subject No. 101.**

**English Teacher for each Kanarese school needed, chiefly at Talya.**

*Summary of discussion.*—English knowing Masters should be appointed, one for each Kanarese school, to allow of English being taught to such as wish to pay for and learn it. There is a particular demand for this at the Talya Hobli school.

*Dewan's reply.*—A grant-in-aid may be given to the Talya Hobli school if applied for.

**Subject No. 102**

**The Marikanave Project.**

*Summary of discussion.*—The Marikanave project which has long been under consideration, should be started early for the benefit both of Government and of the raiyats in the Chitaldroog District, which is a region of frequent droughts and deficient water-supply.

*Dewan's reply.*—It is a large project involving considerable outlay and some engineering doubts. It is yet under consideration.

**Subject No. 103.**

**Tank required across Maddernhalla.**

*Summary of discussion.*—The Public Works Department had prepared an estimate for constructing a new tank near Udavalle village, across Maddernhalla, but the project was not taken up, because it was under contemplation to construct a new tank at Marikanave. In addition to the Marikanave project, if this tank be also constructed, the southern parts of the Hiriyur Taluk would be much benefited. Therefore, the matter is urged for the favorable consideration of Government.

*Dewan's reply.*—The project has been investigated and will be taken up ere long, if the larger Marikanave project is finally abandoned, or at least indefinitely postponed.

**Subject No. 104.**

**Dry date leaves required for potters free.**

*Summary of discussion.*—Dry date leaves were being taken free by potters for their kilns, but the rules of 1889 have deprived them of this concession. Hence several have resorted to other modes of living and this profession is carried on on a diminishing scale, so much so, that tiles and pots have become very scarce and dear. They should therefore be allowed the free use of date leaves as heretofore.

*Dewan's reply.*—This is the first time that this complaint has been preferred. Inquiry will be made.

**Subject No. 105.**

**Irrigation Cess on Kushki Bagayat.**

*Summary of discussion.*—On garden lands under kapile wells, the one anna Irrigation cess is levied as on lands under tanks, which are always repaired by Government. It follows that these wells whenever they get out of order should be repaired by Government, or the irrigation cess foregone.

*Dewan's reply.*—Where the well is not below a tank and the garden land is what is called "Kushki Bagayat", the levy of irrigation cess is irregular. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to see whether there are such cases. (See also Subject No. 188 below).

**Subject No. 106.**

**Simultaneous publication of English and Kanarese texts of Acts and Regulations.**

*Summary of discussion.*—Acts and Regulations passed by the Government are published in the Government Gazette in English in the first instance. The Kanarese version of the same appears in the Gazette months afterwards; for instance, "The Mysore Land Revenue Rules," in English were published long ago, but the Kanarese translation of it has not appeared as yet. It is therefore prayed that both the English and Kanarese versions be published simultaneously.

*Dewan's reply.*—Recorded.

**Subject No. 107.**

**Better constitution of Local Fund Boards and administration of Local Funds.**

*Summary of discussion.*—The draft Local Fund Regulation appeared in the Gazette some years back. It has not been brought into force yet. It should be given effect to at an early date. For Local Fund Boards 6 raiyats and one